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Memorandum

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To: Regional Interagency Executive Committee (see distribution list)

From: /s/ Edward W. Shepard, Chair, Regional Interagency Executive Committee

Subject: Regional Interagency Executive Committee Notes from February 23, 2011

Background: This memorandum transmits summary notes from the February 23, 2011 Regional Interagency Executive Committee (RIEC) conference call. The objectives of the call were to discuss and reach agreement on two documents: an updated RIEC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and a newly developed framework to guide land use plan revisions and amendments.

Draft RIEC MOU: The RIEC agreed to move forward with the “Draft MOU for Management of Forest Service (FS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Forest Land within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl at the Regional Level.” The draft was updated by the Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) and senior managers from the RIEC agencies to reflect the agencies’ continued commitment to cooperation, coordination, and collaboration at the regional level. No substantive changes to the draft were requested during the call. The MOU will be routed for RIEC signatures in March.

Draft Framework: The RIEC agreed to move forward with the “Framework to Guide FS and BLM Land Use Plan Revisions and Amendments (Western Oregon, Western Washington and Northern California).” The RIEC also agreed that individual agencies would distribute the signed document to their field units to apprise managers and staff of the RIEC’s commitment to the Framework concepts. The draft Framework was developed collaboratively by the interagency Senior Managers Group (SMG), and the SMG was tasked with incorporating several comments based on the RIEC discussion. The Framework will be finalized by REO and routed for RIEC signatures in March. (The MOU and Framework will be routed concurrently.)

Follow-up to the Western Oregon Task Force Final Report: The BLM presented a summary of current activities stemming from the Final Report. This will be the key discussion topic at the next RIEC meeting, and we will continue to coordinate on related activities throughout the year.

Next Meeting: The next RIEC meeting is an in-person meeting on April 12, 2011 (Tuesday), 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at Robert Duncan Plaza in Portland, Oregon. An agenda and related information will be distributed prior to the meeting date.

For Further Information: If you have questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Debbie Pietrzak (BLM) at 503-808-6006 or Michael Hampton (FS) at 503-808-2902.

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